

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank mount structure to place a fuel tank of a vehicle beneath a rear area of a floor of the vehicle, ~~the fuel tank mount structure allow a fuel tank to be placed in a lower area of a floor located in a rear area of a vehicle body;~~ comprising:

a first tank frame holding the fuel tank which is mounted to a below area of rear side members placed on left and right sides of a vehicle body in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body;

a rear suspension member disposed rearward of the fuel tank and which comprises a front suspension cross member formed so as to extend in a vehicle widthwise direction from the one rear side member to the other rear side member, a rear suspension cross member disposed rearward of the front suspension cross member so as to extend in the vehicle widthwise direction from the one rear side member to the other rear side member, and suspension side members disposed along a vehicle longitudinal direction and connecting the rear suspension cross member and the front suspension cross member and formed in a double cross shape; having a front edge portion formed in a configuration contoured along a rear profile of the fuel tank;

wherein the front suspension cross member is contoured along a rear profile of the fuel tank; and

wherein a rear side of the first tank frame is mounted to the vehicle body at an area between the front suspension cross member and the rear suspension cross member.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 1, wherein the first tank frame further comprises a front cross frame extending in the vehicle widthwise direction, a center cross frame extending in the vehicle widthwise direction, a rear cross frame and side frames connecting the front cross frame and the center cross frame;

wherein right and left front portions of the front cross frame ~~left and right both sides of a front portion of the first tank frame 1~~ are inclined upward of ~~[[a]]~~ the vehicle and outward in the vehicle widthwise direction so as to form inclined portions;

wherein the inclined portions are fixed to the rear side members respectively; and

wherein rear end portions of the side frames are bent upward and fixed to the rear cross frame.

4. (Currently Amended) The fuel tank mount structure according to ~~any one of claim 1,~~ further comprising a rear cross member connecting the rear side members at connecting portions;

wherein fastening portions of left and right ends of a rear cross frame of the first tank frame are mounted below distal ends of tank mount brackets; and

the tank mount brackets extend from the connecting portions to a front side of the vehicle. ~~wherein tank mount brackets are disposed at connecting portions connecting a rear side members being placed on left and right sides of the vehicle body in the vehicle widthwise direction and a rear cross member, and both ends of a rear cross frame forming a rear end of the first tank frame are fastened to the tank mount brackets.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The fuel tank mount structure according to ~~any one of preceding claim [[1]]~~ 3, wherein the side frames ~~connecting the front cross frame and the rear cross frame of the first tank frame~~ are disposed downward of rear suspension brackets of the rear suspension member.

6. (Currently Amended) The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 5, wherein the side frames ~~is~~ are configured ~~to be bent~~ to bend inwardly in the vehicle widthwise direction as the side frames extend rearwardly, and rear ends of the side frames are fastened to the rear cross frame ~~being~~ which is located in a rear end of the first tank frame, at positions inward of both ends thereof in the vehicle widthwise direction, with the both ends of the rear cross frame being fastened to the vehicle body.

7. (Withdrawn) The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 1, wherein a second tank frame for holding the fuel tank is unitarily formed with the rear suspension member.

8. (Withdrawn) The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 7, wherein the second tank frame is positioned forward of the fuel tank,

and wherein the second tank frame and the rear suspension member are connected to the rear side members ~~one another~~.

9. (Withdrawn) The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 7, wherein the second tank frame ~~includes~~ comprises a front cross frame and side frames extending forward of both left and right ends of the rear side member along the rear side members the front cross member.

10. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank mount structure to place a fuel tank of a vehicle beneath a rear area of a floor of the vehicle, the fuel tank mount structure allow a fuel tank to be placed in a lower area of a floor located in a rear area of a vehicle body, comprising:

a first tank frame holding the fuel tank which is mounted to a below area of rear side means placed on left and right sides of a vehicle body in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body;

a rear suspension means disposed rearward of the fuel tank and which comprises a front suspension cross means formed so as to extend in a vehicle widthwise direction from the one rear side means to another rear side means, a rear suspension cross means disposed rearward of the front suspension cross means so as to extend in the vehicle widthwise direction from the one rear side means to the other rear side means, and suspension side means disposed along a vehicle longitudinal direction and connecting the rear suspension cross means and the front suspension cross means and formed in a double cross shape; for defining an accommodating space for the fuel tank, wherein

wherein the front suspension cross means is formed in a configuration contoured along a rear profile of the fuel tank; and

wherein a rear side of the first tank frame is mounted to the vehicle body at an area between the front suspension cross means and the rear suspension cross means.

a front edge portion of the rear suspension means is configured to contoure along a rear profile of the fuel tank.

11. (New) The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 1, wherein a rear portion of the first tank frame is mounted between the front and rear suspension cross members.